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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 02/19/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/12/05
BRO-FRY	162,454	159,891
LT HENS	1,389	1,446
HVY HENS	1,322	1,254

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	267	0	267
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	225	4	229
Same week yr ago	153	7	160
To-date/2005	1,895	4	1,899
To-date/2004	1,592	25	1,617

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,572	1,246	2,818
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,546	1,340	2,886
Same week yr ago	1,383	1,326	2,709
To-date/2005	10,375	7,517	17,892
To-date/2004	9,426	7,690	17,116

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	154,449	1,305	1,246	2,551
Avg Wt	5.29	3.33	8.08	5.65
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	156,566	1,321	1,336	2,657
Same wk yr ago	152,505	1,230	1,319	2,549
Avg Wt	5.16	3.33	8.02	5.75
To-date/2005	937,895	8,480	7,513	15,993
To-date/2004	921,007	7,834	7,665	15,499

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.3 million head or 5.8 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 05-Feb-05

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	25,179	22,749	46,825
Avg Weight	3.68	4.78	6.53
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
 Last week	 27,796	 21,860	 47,871
Avg Weight	3.70	4.77	6.42
% of total /1	29%	22%	49%
 Same week, yr ago /2	 26,379	 27,539	 42,299
Avg Weight	3.71	4.81	6.42
% of total /1	27%	29%	44%
 To date/2005	 126,065	 103,309	 236,202
To date/2004	108,267	106,059	195,981

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,539	2,489	9	1	4,038
Avg Wt	15.98	38.89	28.62	52.17	30.14
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,483	2,574	38	1	4,096
Same wk yr ago	1,708	2,385	34	1	4,128
Avg Wt	15.61	36.88	24.18	61.35	27.98
To-date/2005	9,333	15,143	172	25	24,673
To-date/2004	10,073	14,503	215	42	24,833

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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